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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Makoto SHIRAI, Ken SASABE and Takehiko WATANABE
NICKEL BASED FILLER METAL FOR BRAZING
Assignee: NATIONAL SPACE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF JAPAN &
THE JAPAN WELDING ENGINEERING SOCIETY
Our Ref. Q76106

17302 U.S. PTO
10/615767
07/10/03

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising six (6) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, one (1) sheet of drawings, executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (Small Entity fees apply):

Total claims	$\frac{1}{1} - 20$	=		x	\$9.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	$\frac{1}{1} - 3$	=		x	\$42.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee							\$375.00

TOTAL FILING FEE

Recordation of Assignment

TOTAL FEE

\$375.00

\$40.00

\$415.00

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$375.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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Priority is claimed from:

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JAPAN

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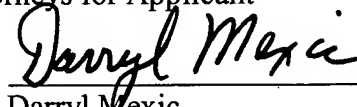
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The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,
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By:

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